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NAIROBI FOR MOOSE

E.O. 11652: XGDS-1
TAGS: PDEV, US, UK, RH
SUBJECT: PUBLIC STATEMENT ON LAW AND ORDER FOR
RHODESIA

REF: A) NAIROBI 11187, B) STATE 208015

1. AT TELEPHONIC REQUEST BY BILL EDMONDSON, WE CONTACTED ASSISTANT UNDER SECRETARY MANSFIELD AT FCO REGARDING APPROVAL OF STATEMENT ON LAW AND ORDER WHICH FONSEC OWEN PLANS TO ISSUE SEPTEMBER 1 AND TO MAKE A COUPLE OF TEXTUAL POINTS.

2. ACCORDING TO MANSFIELD, FCO "CONSIDERABLY RECAST" DRAFT SUBMITTED FROM NAIROBI "BECAUSE IT DID NOT SEEM TO TRACK WELL," WAS REPETITIOUS AND DISJOINTED. NEW TEXT HAS BEEN CABLED TO PRIME MINISTER, WHO IS ON POLITICAL SPEAKING TOUR IN SCOTLAND. PM IS EXPECTED TO REVIEW REVISED TEXT ABOUT 6 O'CLOCK THIS EVENING LOCAL TIME, AFTER WHICH FCO WILL CABLE APPROVED VERSION TO OWEN IN NAIROBI.

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3. WE MADE POINTS CONCERNING LANGUAGE IN PARAGRAPHS 13 AND 14 OF REF A VERSION TO MANSFIELD, BUT HE DID NOT HAVE TEXT HANDY AND WAS ON WAY TO MEETING WITH RESIDENT COMMISSIONER-ELECT. HE OPINED THAT REVISED TEXT STILL CONTAINED PLENTY OF "ENVISAGES" AND OTHER INDICATIONS OF "FLEXIBILITY." OTHER OFFICIALS WITH ACCESS TO REVISED TEXT ALSO NOT IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE.

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4. WE LATER OBTAINED FOLLOWING LANGUAGE FROM MEMBER OF RHODESIA DEPARTMENT STAFF OF REVISED PARA 13 WHICH NOW COVERS BOTH POINTS RAISED BY EDMONDSON ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY MOOSE'S BEHALF:

"THE STRUCTURE, COMPOSITION, RECRUITMENT AND TRAINING OF THIS ARMY WILL BE SUBJECT TO THE NEGOTIATIONS ENVISAGED IN PARA 11 SUBPARA (3) OF THE WHITE PAPER. IT WILL BE BASED ON THE LIBERATION FORCES AND WILL INCLUDE ELEMENTS OF THE RHODESIAN DEFENCE FORCES. BUT IT IS A FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLE THAT THIS ARMY MUST BE LOYAL TO WHOEVER IS ELECTED PRESIDENT AND WHOEVER FORMS THE NEW GOVERNMENT OF ZIMBABWE. THAT GOVERNMENT WILL STEM FROM AN ELECTION HELD ON THE BASIS OF UNIVERSAL SUFFRAGE WITH AN ELECTORATE OF SOME THREE MILLION VOTERS IN CONTRAST TO EXISTING SITUATION. ENROLLMENT IN THIS ARMY MUST THEREFORE BE OPEN TO ALL CITIZENS AND ITS COMPOSITION AND STRUCTURE MUST BE SUCH AS TO ENJOY THE CONFIDENCE AND OBEY THE AUTHORITY OF A DEMOCRATICALLY ELECTED GOVERNMENT. THE PRESIDENT-ELECT WILL, FOLLOWING ELECTIO AND PRIOR TO INDEPENDENCE, MAKE THE DECISIONS ON FINAL STRUCTURE AND COMPOSITION OF THE ZIMBABWE NATIONAL ARMY.
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